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- A severe winter storm dumped snow and brought freezing temperatures throughout the Midwest and East Coast, prompting the closure of federal government offices, school closures, flight cancellations, and causing thousands to lose power March 3. – *CNN* (See item [1](#))
- Las Vegas Sands announced that cyberattacks compromised employee and customer data from its Sands Bethlehem casino in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, potentially exposing banking and personal information. – *Softpedia* (See item [11](#))
- The owner of a Palatine, Illinois-based industrial equipment company and the owner of former machine tools company based in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, were indicted February 28 for allegedly running a scheme to fraudulently obtain \$190 million in financing. – *U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Illinois* (See item [13](#))
- A portion of the northbound lanes of Interstate 25 in south Denver were shut down for several hours after sudden snow caused about 104 vehicles to crash in a roughly 2-mile stretch of highway March 2. – *Associated Press* (See item [16](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *March 3, CNN* – (National) **One more time: Snow, sleet, misery fall on East Coast.** A severe winter storm dumped snow and brought freezing temperatures throughout the Midwest and East Coast, prompting the closure of federal government offices, school closures, about 2,000 flight cancellations, and causing thousands to lose power across several States March 3.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/03/03/us/winter-storm/index.html>
2. *March 3, KTXL 40 Sacramento* – (California) **Thousands of SMUD customers without power after SUV plows through power pole.** An SUV crashed into a power pole in Sacramento March 2, causing more than 20,000 Sacramento Municipal Utility District customers to lose power before crews were able to reroute service.
Source: <http://fox40.com/2014/03/02/thousands-of-smud-customers-without-power-after-suv-plows-through-power-pole/>
3. *March 3, Longview News-Journal* – (Texas; Louisiana) **Thousands of east Texans without power as freezing rain blankets area.** More than 22,000 AEP Southwestern Electric Power Co. (SWEPCO), customers lost service March 2 due to freezing rainfall and sleet throughout east Texas and northwest Louisiana.
Source: http://www.news-journal.com/news/local/winter-storm-warning-issued-for-much-of-east-texas/article_19ffb820-a259-11e3-ab12-001a4bcf887a.html
4. *March 2, Cleveland News-Herald* – (Ohio) **Power outages in Lake County; transformer ‘explodes’ in Fairport Harbor, Mentor-on-the-Lake police say.** Police departments in multiple cities in Lake County reported that several transformers in Fairpoint Harbor exploded and caused 42,950 customers to lose power March 1.
Source: <http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20140302/update-power-outages-in-lake-county-transformer-explodes-in-fairport-harbor-mentor-on-the-lake-police-say>
5. *March 2, Washington Observer-Reporter* – (Pennsylvania) **Third well capped in Dunkard Township.** Crews capped a third well at the Chevron gas well pad in Dunkard Township in Greene County after a February 11 explosion that killed a worker and injured another. Officials stated that a new well head was installed March 1 on the well that was not leaking, but had been monitored.
Source: <http://www.observer-reporter.com/article/20140302/NEWS01/140309916>
6. *March 1, Racine Journal Times* – (Wisconsin) **Just 100 pounds of coal remain at trail derailment site.** Officials stated that only about 100 pounds of coal remained at a crash site in Caledonia, Wisconsin, where 19 Union Pacific train cars derailed and dumped hundreds of tons of coal in January, due to the ground being frozen. Crews will clean up the remaining coal once temperatures are warmer.
Source: http://journaltimes.com/news/local/just-pounds-of-coal-remain-at-train-derailment-site/article_53e4640a-a0d8-11e3-8917-0019bb2963f4.html?comment_form=true

7. *February 28, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Storm knocks out power to tens of thousands of SoCal homes.** Southern California Edison and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power crews worked to restore power to more than 36,000 customers after a severe storm knocked out electricity February 28.
Source: <http://ktla.com/2014/02/28/socal-storm-thousands-of-power-outages-reported/#axzz2uu0BVyTN>
8. *February 28, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Violations issued against Duke for coal ash spill.** The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources issued two formal notices to Duke Energy February 28 stating that the company will be cited for violating environmental standards in connection with a massive coal ash spill that began February 2 and coated 70 miles of the Dan River with toxic sludge.
Source: <http://charlotte.cbslocal.com/2014/02/28/violations-issued-against-duke-for-coal-ash-spill/>
9. *February 28, Milford Mirror* – (Connecticut) **Fire department responds to gas leak at Milford Power Company.** The Milford Power Company in Connecticut shut down operations and a gas line for several hours February 28 after a leak from a Southern Connecticut Gas Company high pressure gas pipe that supplies the power plant. The fire department cleared the scene after stopping the leak.
Source: <http://www.milfordmirror.com/13345/fire-department-responds-to-gas-leak-at-milford-power-company/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

10. *February 28, Connecticut Day* – (Connecticut) **Unit 2 at Millstone partially shut down Thursday.** Operators at the Millstone Power Station in Waterford began powering down the Unit 2 reactor February 27 after a battery that powers emergency safety equipment was found to not be working. The reactor was reduced to 20 percent power when crews bypassed the battery, and the reactor returned to near full power February 28.
Source: <http://www.theday.com/article/20140228/NWS01/140229686/1047>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

11. *March 1, Softpedia* – (International) **Casino operator Las Vegas Sands admits hackers have stolen customer data.** Las Vegas Sands announced that cyberattacks which defaced some of its Web sites also compromised employee and customer data from its Sands Bethlehem casino in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, potentially exposing credit card and bank account information, Social Security numbers, and other personal information. The company is continuing its investigation of the breach.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Casino-Operator-Las-Vegas-Sands-Admits-Hackers-Stole-Customer-Data-430017.shtml>
12. *February 28, WMAQ 5 Chicago* – (Illinois) **First American Bank reports data breach in Chicago taxis.** First American Bank announced that it has received reports of fraudulent charges after customers used taxis in Chicago that utilize two companies to process transactions. The bank is continuing to investigate the fraudulent transactions.
Source: <http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/First-American-Bank-Alleges-Data-Breach-from-Chicago-Taxis-247899551.html>
13. *February 28, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Illinois* – (Illinois; Pennsylvania) **Two executives indicted in alleged \$190 million equipment financing fraud scheme that caused \$100 million loss to lenders.** The owner of Palatine, Illinois-based Equipment Acquisition Resources Inc., and the owner of former Machine Tools Direct Inc., based in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, were indicted February 28 for allegedly running a scheme to fraudulently obtain \$190 million in financing, causing \$100 million in losses for lenders.
Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/chicago/press-releases/2014/two-executives-indicted-in-alleged-190-million-equipment-financing-fraud-scheme-that-caused-100-million-loss-to-lenders>
14. *February 28, IDG News Service* – (International) **Gameover malware tougher to kill with new rootkit component.** Sophos researchers reported that a new variant of the Gameover banking malware that steals online banking credentials includes a kernel-level rootkit called Necurs that can make the malware more difficult to remove from

infected systems.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2014/022814-gameover-malware-tougher-to-kill-279308.html>

15. *February 27, WPVI 6 Philadelphia* – (Delaware; Pennsylvania) **Masked post office bandit indicted on bank robbery charges.** A man was indicted for allegedly robbing two banks and two post offices in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, and Wilmington, Delaware, during January.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?id=9447273>

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Transportation Systems Sector

16. *March 2, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **1 killed, 30 injured in massive Colorado pileup.** A portion of the northbound lanes of Interstate 25 in south Denver were shut down for several hours after sudden snow caused about 104 vehicles to crash in a roughly 2-mile stretch of highway March 2, killing 1 person and injuring several others.
Source : <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2014/mar/02/1-killed-30-injured-in-massive-colorado-pileup/>
17. *March 2, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Icy roads in S. Indiana make driving conditions hazardous.** A late winter storm in Indiana caused 14 counties to post travel watches recommending only essential travel March 2 after about 9 inches of snow and ice glazed roads and caused highway closures and accidents throughout the State.
Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/Icy-roads-in-S-Indiana-make-driving-hazardous-5282278.php>
18. *March 2, Associated Press* – (Montana) **Train derailment sends 45 empty coal cars off tracks in western Montana.** A portion of Highway 93 near Olney was closed for several hours March 1 after 45 empty rail cars derailed when some of the derailed cars were on a bridge over the highway. Trains were held at nearby stations until the tracks were cleared.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/09a01900f3bd4ed3955b20692578f0e2/MT--Train-Derailment>
19. *March 2, Murrieta Patch* – (California) **Ortega Highway to remain closed until rain lets up, spokeswoman says.** Around 30 miles of the Ortega Highway between Orange and Riverside counties were closed February 28 and remained closed through March 2 due to debris and mud that covered several lanes of the highway following heavy rains.
Source: <http://murrieta.patch.com/groups/around-town/p/ortega-highway-to-remain-close-until-rain-lets-up-spokeswoman-says>
20. *March 2, Associated Press* – (New York) **Crude oil rail tankers derail outside Albany; no spills.** Authorities are investigating a February 28 derailment of tank cars

carrying crude oil at the Selkirk rail yard near Albany. No oil was released from the cars and the cars were re-railed by March 1.

Source : http://auburnpub.com/ap/state/crude-oil-rail-tankers-derail-outside-albany-no-spills/article_d8e699b7-6d98-52f0-b549-d31045e2b83c.html

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Food and Agriculture Sector

21. *March 2, KDUZ 1260 AM Hutchinson/KARP 106.9 FM Dassel* – (Minnesota) **Barn fire kills hundreds of pigs.** Officials are investigating the cause of a February 28 fire that destroyed 3 barns at a Langhorst Pork Inc. farm near Lafayette, Minnesota, and killed about 960 hogs.
Source: <http://www.kduz.com/2014/03/02/barn-fire-kills-hundreds-of-pigs/>
22. *February 28, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (International) **Mars Food North America voluntarily recalls specific batch and item number representing less than 3,500 cases -- No other UNCLE BEN'S products affected.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that Mars Food North America recalled approximately 3,500 cases of its Uncle Ben's Ready Rice Original Long Grain White Rice product as a result of punctures to the pouch packaging.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm387764.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

23. *March 3, KTXL 40 Sacramento* – (California) **Water main break leaves Rancho Cordova neighborhood without water.** A mobile home park in Rancho Cordova was without water for more than 24 hours after a water main break caused thousands of gallons of water to spill out of a fire hydrant March 2. Repairs were expected to be completed March 3.
Source: <http://fox40.com/2014/03/02/water-main-break-leaves-rancho-cordova-neighborhood-without-water/>
24. *March 2, Gainesville Times* – (Georgia) **County landfill gets new water treatment system.** The Hall County Landfill replaced their old leachate system with a new \$1.2 million water treatment system after the old system broke down. The new system will process about 8,000 more gallons of leachate water a day.
Source: <http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/96308/>
25. *March 1, KOCO 5 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Work underway to make repairs after power, water outage.** Oklahoma Gas and Electric officials reported that electricity problems at a water plant March 1 caused residents to have low water pressure or no water service. The disruption also left about 4,000 customers without

power.

Source: <http://www.koco.com/news/oklahomanews/okc/low-water-pressure-reported-in-oklahoma-city/24751406#mid=18514103>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

26. *March 3, Hudson County Jersey Journal* – (New Jersey) **Firefighters sent to hospital after exposure to coolant at nursing home fire.** Twenty-five Saint Ann nursing home residents were evacuated February 28 after a fire at the Jersey City building sent 9 firefighters to area hospitals for possible exposure to hazardous materials after they were exposed to a coolant from a damaged air conditioning unit.

Source: http://www.nj.com/jjournal-news/index.ssf/2014/03/firefighters_sent_to_hospital.html

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Government Facilities Sector

27. *March 3, Reuters* – (Nevada) **Navy confirms U.S. jet fighter pilot killed in Nevada crash.** The U.S. Navy announced March 3 that the pilot of an F/A-18C fighter jet was killed after the aircraft crashed at the Fallon Range Training Complex in Nevada March 1 during a training mission.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/sns-rt-us-usa-navy-fighter-20140301,0,2984817.story>

28. *March 3, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Snow moving into middle Tennessee after messy commute.** Several school systems were closed or delayed in Tennessee March 3 due to freezing rain and icy road conditions which also caused more than 40 vehicle accidents. All Metropolitan Transit Authority buses operated on a snow route detour schedule, causing buses not to stop or delaying pickup.

Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/24861095/metro-nashville-public-schools-closed-monday>

29. *March 1, Noozhawk.com* – (California) **Storm surf forces evacuation, closure of Goleta Beach County Park.** Goleta Beach County Park in Santa Barbara County was shut down and evacuated March 1 due to high tides and heavy surf which caused significant damage to the park, including Goleta Pier and Beachside Bar-Café restaurant.

Source:

http://www.noozhawk.com/article/goleta_beach_evacuated_closed_due_to_tidal_threats_20140301

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

30. *March 3, Softpedia* – (International) **Meetup down for days due to DDoS attack allegedly ordered by a competitor.** Social networking portal Meetup was hit by a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack beginning February 27 that took the portal's Web site offline for several days. An attacker contacted the company, claimed responsibility, and demanded a payment to end the attack.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Meetup-com-Down-for-Days-Due-to-DDOS-Attack-Allegedly-Ordered-by-a-Competitor-430290.shtml>

31. *March 1, Softpedia* – (International) **Uroburos: Espionage rootkit allegedly created by Russian intelligence agency.** Researchers at G Data analyzed a sophisticated rootkit dubbed Uroburos that can compromise Windows systems in order to execute commands, steal files, capture traffic, and add new modules to itself. The researchers believe the rootkit was created by a Russian intelligence agency and has been in operation since 2011.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Uroburos-Espionage-Rootkit-Allegedly-Created-by-Russian-Intelligence-Agency-430030.shtml>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

32. *March 3, WBKO 13 Bowling Green* – (Kentucky) **Fire off Old Porter Pike in Bowling Green.** Authorities are investigating a fire that damaged at least 80 percent of a Bowling Green, Kentucky strip mall March 2.

Source: <http://www.wbko.com/news/headlines/Fire-on-Old-Porter-Pike-in-Bowling-Green-248138841.html>

33. *March 3, WAFF 48 Huntsville* – (Alabama) **Officials: Mentone hotel fire likely electrical.** Officials believe a fire that destroyed the historical Mentone Springs Hotel and neighboring White Elephant Antique store in DeKalb County March 1 was electrical in nature and started in a fuse or electrical box.
Source: <http://www.waff.com/story/24864864/officials-say-mentone-fire-likely-electrical>
34. *March 2, WVIT 30 New Britain* – (Connecticut) **Families displaced by fire.** Twenty-five families were evacuated and temporarily displaced after a fire broke out in a carport located beneath a Hartford apartment building March 2 that damaged the building's electrical and water systems.
Source: <http://connecticut.cbslocal.com/2014/03/02/families-displaced-by-fire/>
35. *March 2, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **Woodward apartment fire leaves 40 people without homes.** A March 2 fire at the Briarwood Apartments in Woodward left about 40 residents displaced. Authorities are investigating the cause of the fire.
Source: <http://newsok.com/woodward-apartment-fire-leaves-40-people-without-homes/article/3939212>
36. *March 2, New Hampshire Union Leader* – (New Hampshire) **Underground propane leak prompts Lebanon evacuation.** Two Lebanon, New Hampshire apartment buildings were evacuated for nearly 3 hours March 1, prompted by a gas leak from a 1,000 gallon underground propane tank. Crews repaired the leak and officials believe expanding ice in the valve pit of the tank forced the main valve open and allowed gas to escape.
Source: <http://www.unionleader.com/article/20140302/NEWS07/140309880>
37. *March 2, Associated Press; Cherry Hill Courier-Post* – (New Jersey) **Apartment complex fire displaces 19 residents.** A fire at the Bellmawr Manor apartment complex in New Jersey caused the building's roof to collapse, damaged 8 units, and left 19 residents displaced March 1.
Source: <http://www.njherald.com/story/24864100/apartment-complex-fire-displaces-19-residents>
38. *March 1, WDJT 58 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Greenfield apartment fire leaves several displaced.** A Greenfield, Wisconsin apartment building was engulfed by fire March 1 and 41 residents were left displaced. Officials believe the blaze started in the basement of the complex.
Source: <http://www.cbs58.com/news/local-news/Greenfield-apartment-fire-leaves-several-displaced-248055501.html>

Dams Sector

39. *March 2, KEPR 19 Kennewick* – (Washington) **65-foot crack found in Wannapum Dam.** Officials of the Grant County Public Utility District lowered the water levels on the Wanapum dam after learning of a 65-foot long crack in the structure beneath the water level. The 50 year old structure is being inspected for repairs that could take up to a month to complete.

Source : <http://www.keprtv.com/news/local/Wanapu-Dam-Cracks-248052861.html>

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